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George E. Meyer Secretary

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Raymond M. Roder P.O. Box 2020 Madison Wisconsin 53701-2020

Subject: C M Christiansen Project

Dear Mr. Roder:

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I know I would like to take this opportunity to respond to your recent letter and to update you on community contacts, as well as new file information available to you and your project team. To help expedite additional investigation and remediation this upcoming summer, I suggest that Whitewater Associates/Coleman Engineering (WWA/CE) and yourself, meet with the Department later this month. At the meeting we can provide each another with project updates, explore remedial alternatives, develop remedial schedules, as well as define additional investigation needs.

I suggest meeting on January 23, 1996, in Rhinelander. This would provide you and your team with the opportunity to update yourselves with the Department's files. Both Michelle-DeBrock Owens and myself would be available for the meeting.

Although the vast majority of the new material in the Department's file, since your project teams last file review, has been generated by either yourself or WWA/CE, there is some additional information available to you. By January 23, 1996, we should have a copy of the Superfund Site Screening Report. requested an extra copy and will forward it as promised.

The other new file information consists of contacts initiated by the Phelps community. There is a growing interest in the Phelps community for information on and about the pole dipping site as well as the Sylvan property. Although, we have not logged each contact, you are welcome to review our files for a complete update.

In response to your December 19, 1995 letter, I offer the following:

As requested in your letter, I will make all project contacts through you during Mr. Christiansen's winter absence.

I have not to date received the progress report from WWA/CE you mentioned in your letter. Our project team looks forward to reviewing the results of the investigation, however at this point in the project schedule, we are looking for a the equivalent of a full Remedial

Investigation Report. I will be glad to work with you and WWA/CE to streamline this process wherever possible.

With respect to your third issue, the timing of the expanded work plan, I do not agree with your assessment. The Department will of course provide you with all our investigation results as they become available. I do not agree however, that a meaningful work plan for an expanded investigation can not be further developed without our lab results. In fact, the creek sampling work that the Department performed could have been performed by WWA/CE but was not. Without the cooperation of joint funding for analysis, I anticipate that all future investigation will indeed need to be done by the Christiansen project team. Mr. Christiansen is responsible for proceeding with investigation and prompt remediation of the site. I will be happy to work with you to expand the investigation and identify both interim and long term remedial actions.

Fourth in your letter is a request for analytical results from Midwest Engineering Service. I was previously under the impression that WWA/CE had obtained copies of this information during their initial file review. I have attached a copy of the entire report including well logs and analytical data. I hope this will be helpful.

We have previously relayed your information about chlorinated pesticides and potential interferences on to our State Lab. We have been unable to locate a copy of the article you referenced and would appreciate you forwarding a complete copy to us for review. I am willing to have an open dialog concerning this issue, however, at this time testing for chlorinated pesticides is a reasonable part of defining the extent and degree of a wood treating facility.

Then finally, we will of course inform you of any site access needs the Department may have.

I look forward to receiving the remedial investigation report, reviewing the information and setting plans for remediation on this site. Please contact us with your availability on January 23.

Sincerely,

M. Scott Watson

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